

NREGA Programmes under execution

2404. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) in how many districts NREGA programmes are in execution;
- (b) in which districts the NREGA programmes could not be started, though sanctioned;
- (c) whether there are demands from different States to include more districts in the fold of NREGA;
- (d) if so, the steps to be taken to concede to the demands in the coming years; and
- (e) whether Government would be able to execute NREGA in all the districts before five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) NREG Act, 2005 has been launched in 200 identified districts in the country in the first phase. As on date, the programme has been started in all these districts.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Requests have been received from State Governments for inclusion of more districts under NREG Act. The names of these districts have been forwarded to Planning Commission for inclusion in the second phase of implementation of the Act.

(e) Section 1(3) of NREG Act provides that the Act is to be implemented in the whole country within a period of five years. NREG Act has already been implemented in 200 districts with effect from 2.2.2006. Extension of the Act to more districts in the second phase is already under consideration of the Government.

Metalling of road under PMGSY in Pauri Garhwal

2405. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that in Pauri-Satyakhal-Dehalchouri,

distt. Pauri Garhwal, road was constructed 10 years ago under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) whether it is a fact that road is not completed till date nor has been metalling work done and still pending with Government for conversion into heavy vehicles road; and

(c) whether Central Government propose to instruct the State Government of Uttaranchal for completion of that road so that the villagers around there may get proper benefit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTAPATIL): (a) to (c) Upgradation of the road work from Pauri to Dhalchauri of 5.5 km length in Kot block of Pauri Garhwal district was sanctioned under Phase-I (2000-01) of PMGSY. As per the records furnished by the State Government, the work was started on 19.1.2002 and has already been completed.

Condition of weavers in West Bengal

2406. SHRI S. K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy of Government to boost hand weaved clothes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would conduct a detailed survey on condition of weavers in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN): (a) and (b) The Government is implementing a number of schemes to enhance production, productivity and efficiency of the handloom sector and to enhance the income and socio-economic status of the weavers by upgrading their skills and providing infrastructural input and marketing support. The main developmental schemes are Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Integrated Handloom Training Project, Marketing Promotion Programme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Workshed-